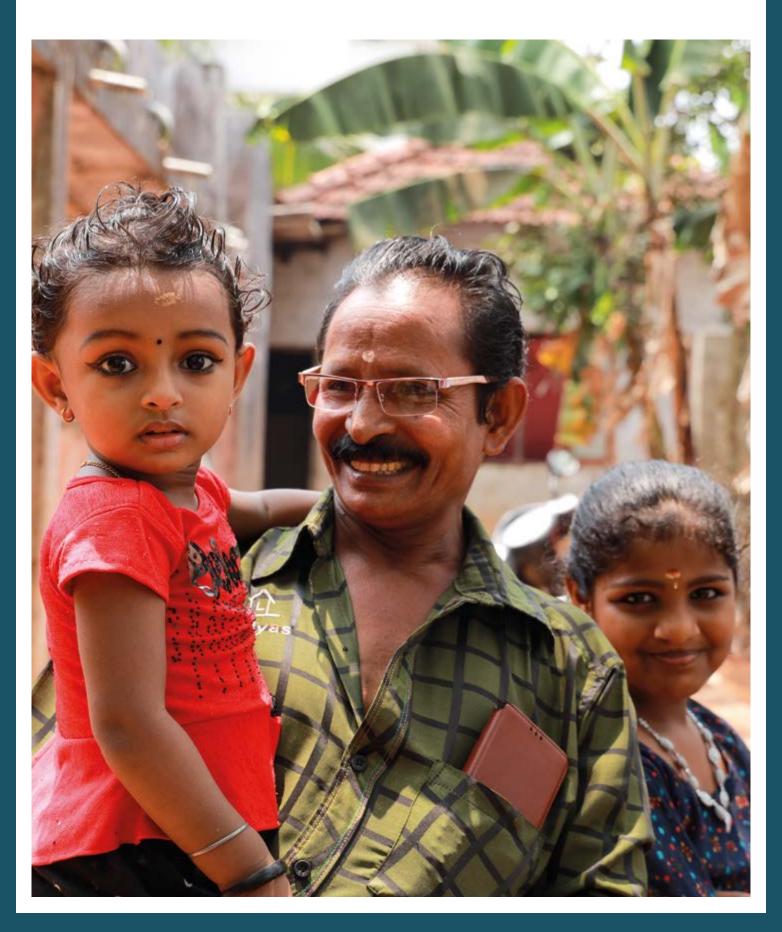
## 开 AUMUND FOUNDATION

Foundation Report 2022/2023



## **FOREWORD**

Ladies and gentlemen, dear friends and partners,

The death of our Founder has overshadowed the current reporting year. After a short but serious illness, Franz-W. Aumund passed away at the beginning of February 2023. Recognition of his enterprising personality and his philanthropic commitment has been expressed in many ways and places. The great number of expressions of sympathy received from all over the world show how well Franz-W. Aumund was respected and esteemed. An obituary is published in this issue of the Foundation Report.

Franz-W. Aumund appointed the Aumund Foundation as his sole heir, and this signifies a new era for the Aumund Foundation.

Our greatest objective is to fulfil the wishes our Founder set out in his will. One of these is the continuous development of his philanthropic commitment, which always aimed to change the course of young peoples' lives for the better by supporting their education and health.

As the sole heir of Franz-W. Aumund, the Aumund Foundation has also become the sole proprietor of AUMUND Holding B.V., which in turn is the umbrella over the group of companies. The Aumund Foundation will work closely with the Managing Directors of

AUMUND Holding and the individual AUMUND Group companies to further develop its corporate legacy. The operational business remains the responsibility of each of the Managing Directors.

The acceptance of the inheritance is accompanied by a range of internal changes for the Aumund Foundation, and currently the in-house processes and structures are being adapted to this important task. From now on the majority of philanthropic projects will be carried out by the Aumund Foundation, therefore we have decided to report separately on the funding activities of the Aumund Foundation going forward. You are reading the first issue of the Foundation Report of the Aumund Foundation. The interview on the following pages gives an initial insight into our work as Board Members and how we work together with the business. The legacy of our highly esteemed Founder, Franz-W. Aumund is our incentive to honour his life's work by continuing it as he had wished.

Dr. Silke Landwehrmann Katja Jüngst Executive Board of the Aumund Foundation



## In memoriam

### Franz-Walter Aumund

(30 September 1944 - 4 February 2023)

On 4 February 2023 Franz-W. Aumund, Shareholder, Chairman of the Board and longtime Chair of the AUMUND Management Board, passed away after a short but serious illness at the age of 78. The AUMUND Group has lost in him the most influential personality of its 100-year history, and the Aumund Foundation has lost its Founder.

In 1966, after training in banking and studying economics in England and Switzerland, Franz-W. Aumund joined the company which his grandfather, Prof. Heinrich Aumund had founded in 1922, and which at the time was under the leadership of his father Günter-Claus Aumund.

## Dedication to social issues and educational support

Franz-W. Aumund was a charismatic businessman who advocated openness towards the diversity of all cultures, people and art, as well as international social commitment. The philosophy of passing on personal and business know-how to young people, by which his father and grandfather had already lived, became Franz-W. Aumund's own cause.

The Foundations he established provide funding for projects focussing on different aspects in the areas of science, research, education, training and health.

Under his management AUMUND Fördertechnik placed the emphasis of its philanthropic activities

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on supporting students and awarding scholarships. Every year there is an increase in the number of students completing a technical degree with support from AUMUND. Exactly 100 years after the founding of the company, a circle was closed in April 2022 with the establishment and funding of the Prof. Heinrich Aumund Endowed Chair at the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin, with which Franz-W. Aumund erected а virtual monument to his grandfather.

With his sales intuition, strategic vision, a sense of proportion and extraordinary personal commitment, he was successful in developing the group companies into a globally active medium-sized company, and in establishing AUMUND as a worldleading brand in the highperformance conveying and storage technology space. The outstanding economic development of the internationally operating group of companies led by Franz-W. Aumund provided the basis for the philanthropic commitment of the Foundations he created, and continues to do so today.

The entries in the book of condolences show that Franz-W. Aumund the businessman was for many above all a mentor and an enabler. He supported people in whom he saw potential, whatever their position in the company, gave them responsibility and trusted them. Only few people knew what Franz-W. Aumund was

like in private. Isolated instances reveal this best. Franz-W. Aumund loved art and travel. During his decades of travelling he developed the habit of keeping all his flight tickets and collecting a sheet of writing paper from every hotel. By 2022 almost 1,500 "travel receipts" had been amassed.

His partiality buildings to buildings with character and their restoration is hown very clearly in three local examples. The house in his hometown of Duisburg-Homberg, in which his grandfather had his engineering office and drew up plans notably for the Wagon Tippler, and the "Weiße Rabe" are both proof of the meticulous attention to detail employed not only in business but also in real estate. "Zum weißen Raben", one of the oldest townhouses in Rheinberg, and the office of the Aumund Foundation, is not visited by everyone, but the complex diagonally opposite, "Hotel Am Fischmarkt", provides many of the people of Rheinberg with an insight into his love of design and his attention to detail.

Aumund Franz-W. revealed strengths and weaknesses, like anyone else, and this made him approachable to his employees. kind, was empathetic, accessible, had a wry sense of humour, and despite his serious nature, loved a good joke. And then there were the days of the famous "green squiggle", the fountain pen signature of the boss as the ok for a project, which could only be received after

intensive discussions which were not always easy. Experienced employees always knew it was going to be tough when Mr Aumund ran his hand over his face, because this was the sign that he was going to introduce a rejection of a project. He did, however. appreciate candid discussion and was certainly open to constructive criticism. Whoever was presenting the project needed to be well-prepared and capable of putting forward strong arguments.

Franz-W. Aumund was а patriarch, a person who took managerial responsibility the people around him. The fact that the history of the company was referenced in many of the eulogies is not surprising. The name of the person and the name of the company were inextricably linked. Franz-W. Aumund not only embodied a hidden champion, but also created a life's work which has the potential to outlive generations to come. We will now make our contribution to continuing his legacy. After having worked with him intensively for years we often have moments where we ask ourselves what he would have said in answer to particular questions which come up on any given day. He can rest assured that we will do everything in our power to fulfil his wishes for the future.



The aim of our Founder was to change the lives of young people through education and good health. We will be working on that in the years to come.

#### AN INTERVIEW WITH

## Katja Jüngst and Dr Silke Landwehrmann

Founder Franz-W. Aumund decreed that Dr Silke Landwehrmann and Katja Jüngst will lead the Aumund Foundation as joint Board Members going forward. Dr Silke Landwehrmann was appointed to the Board of the Aumund Foundation in January 2020. Katja Jüngst has been running the Aumund Foundation since 2019 as Managing Director. She was appointed to the Board by the last will and testament of Franz-Walter Aumund.

Dr Landwehrmann, Mrs Jüngst, the most important question first of all: What has changed tangibly since the Founder Franz-Walter Aumund passed away?

Silke Landwehrmann Mr Aumund appointed the Aumund Foundation as the sole heir of his assets. The consequence is that the Foundation is now the proprietor of the group of companies in his place.

Katja Jüngst That, however, does not mean for one moment that we will be controlling the operational business of the individual subsidiaries and product

In what way are you able to influence matters in the group of companies?

companies.

**Katja Jüngst** The Aumund Foundation appoints the Managing Directors of AUMUND Holding and has to approve the appointment of Managing Directors in the individual companies.

Silke Landwehrmann That means that the operational leadership of the group of companies is in the hands of the Managing Directors, who draw up the budgets, prepare the planning, and act accordingly. Only decisions with significant strategic

or financial implications must be approved by the Aumund Foundation as proprietor of the Group. There is a catalogue defining which items are subject to approval.

How do you work together, who is responsible for which areas?

Silke Landwehrmann We have been working very closely together since I was appointed to the Board in January 2020, and we regularly consult each other on all important issues. We have defined primary responsibilities for the functions. I am responsible for HR, administration of the Foundation's assets, accounting, annual reporting, controlling and budgeting for the Foundation.

Katja Jüngst My main functions are the organisation and administration of the Foundations, public relations, programme requirements, and the evaluation of the projects and funding partners. We have known each other for ten years and have developed a very good relationship during our three years of working together, which makes it very easy to discuss and agree matters.

To what extent did Mr Aumund determine your roles and the organisation of the Foundation work?

Katja Jüngst The enterprising spirit and international business activities of Franz-W. Aumund also influenced the strategic positioning of his constantly growing philanthropic commitment. Mr Aumund set himself the objective of sustainably improving the lives of young people by supporting education and health projects, especially in countries which had

helped him and the company achieve recognition and economic success. It is significant that he not only shaped the group of companies in his more than 50 years of active work, but also substantiated his vision for the time after his death, in terms of the Foundation work.

Silke Landwehrmann With the appointment of the Foundation as his sole heir and sole proprietor of the group of companies, Mr Aumund left the Foundation and the group of companies not only with a strong footing but also with stable prospects for the long term.

What is the difference between the Aumund Foundation and the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung? Many believe they are one and the same organisation. Katja Jüngst That is definitely not the case, these are two legally independent Foundations. The Aumund Foundation looks after selected international projects, a manageable number of projects for each of the Foundation's objectives. The Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung manages the projects in Germany, many of these being the work with project partners in the local area.

Silke Landwehrmann Let us not forget that it is not only the projects of the two Foundations which are being carried on according to the wishes of Mr Aumund. There will still always be philanthropic activities which are carried out by the overseas subsidiaries, run by the Managing Directors at the various locations. We are happy to give our advice on these, but implementation is the sole responsibility of the local companies themselves.

Please explain the funding principles of the Aumund Foundation and the requirements which are placed on funding partners.

Katja Jüngst As a charitable foundation the Aumund Foundation is obliged to identify reputable and experienced project partners, with whom trustworthy and transparent communication is possible. Our Founder decided to fund only a manageable number of organisations per funding objective, and to select these carefully and accompany them closely during the entire period of funding.

Silke Landwehrmann A "watering can principle" of funding should be avoided completely. Instead, Franz-W. Aumund aimed to achieve long-term cooperation with selected partner organisations where funding amounts are increased successively.

But that would also mean that there is no funding application process publicly available, is that right?

Katja Jüngst Correct, in order to avoid arbitrariness in the selection of partners and their projects, the Aumund Foundation provides no opportunity to apply for funding. Instead, it examines specific recommendations from the international network of the Founder and from the German Centre for Foundations, and undertakes its own research on suitable organisations and projects to be funded. Before a selected organisation is invited to provide a tailor-made funding application, careful checks have been carried out by the Aumund Foundation.

Silke Landwehrmann Making personal contact after having conducted theoretical research enables us to round off the picture and to come to a conclusion. A face to face meeting can quickly determine if it is a fit. For a close and long-term cooperation this is a decisive factor, independent of all hard facts.

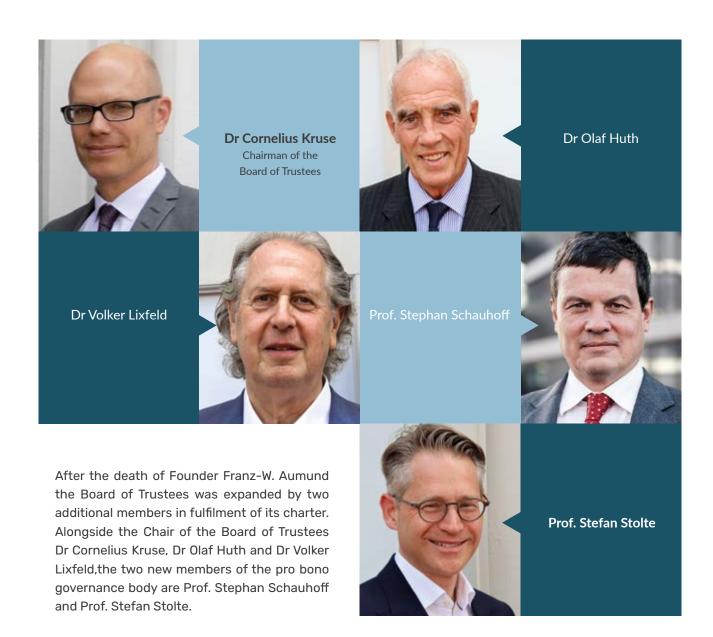
What role does the Board of Trustees play in the Aumund Foundation?

Silke Landwehrmann The objective of the Board of Trustees is to guarantee, in conjunction with the Board, the long-term implementation of the Founder's intentions. It is therefore composed of persons who enjoyed the trust of the Founder, had given him guidance for many years, and who knew his views. We present current projects to the Board of Trustees, discuss the criteria for the selection of funding partners, and the guidelines for asset management.

**Katja Jüngst** Founder Franz-W. Aumund appointed a Board of Trustees back in November 2020 to accompany the work of the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung and the Aumund Foundation in the future. It is responsible for approving the annual accounts and the budget, and advises the Foundation Board on the implementation of the statutes.

## The Board of Trustees

#### Governance for the Foundation work





By KATJA JÜNGST

You can write a lot down on paper, but no amount of project reports, telephone conversations and video conferences can replace the impressions which Susanne Weiss and I gained on our project trip to India in March 2023. From the south of India to the top of the north on the border with Nepal we met children who are supported by the Aumund Foundation, and of course also the people who implement the projects on the ground with heart and soul, and with commitment, understanding and professionalism.

**March 2023** 

We have now been running a cooperation project with the Cleft Children's Aid Charity Switzerland for 10 years in Malakkara in Southern India. The establishment and operation of the Rehabilitation School Project has been supported by the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung since 2014.

Franz-Walter Aumund, who visited the project back in 2018, was fascinated by the change which the operations at St. Thomas Hospital and the subsequent educational funding via the school project mean to the children. If you are born with a cleft palate it means you cannot eat. You cannot learn to speak, nor to smile, nor can you find friends. Not going to school means a life on the edge of society.

Accompanied by the surgeons from St. Thomas Hospital as well as Prasad Rao and his wife Lata I was able to visit two of the "cleft" children at their homes in order to get an impression of their

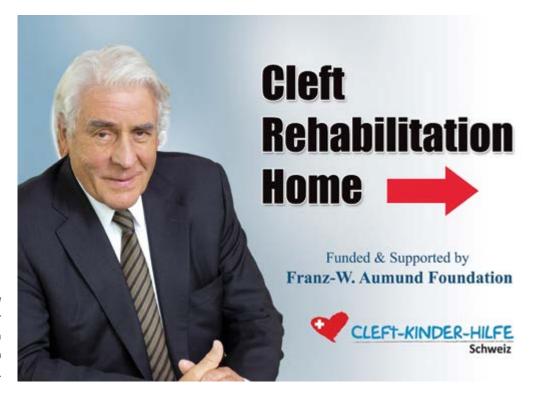


▲ Joana has just had an operation. Her arms are bandaged so that she can't touch the operation scar on her lip. living conditions. The subsequent reception at the school project was overwhelming. We were greeted by an enormous poster honouring the memory of Mr Aumund. The death of our Founder was also met with shock and dismay in our project partners far away in India. Rather than a normal project trip, this became a homage to the man who had been my boss and mentor for many years. In his honour a Knowledge Centre was dedicated to him on the school project premises, and we inaugurated it according to the traditional Indian custom. What better way to honour our Founder than by naming a learning centre after him?

Traditional dance performances by "our" children, sharing meals, and warm-hearted discussions all provided unforgettable moments. Then the visit to St. Thomas Hospital did the rest to make the day memorable. Four-month old Joana, who was born with a hare lip and cleft palate, had just had her first lip operation, which will be followed by many further operations. Her arms were firmly bandaged so that she wouldn't be able to touch her fresh scar with her hands when she woke up. How lucky she is that she will not have to spend the rest of her life in isolation.

From Malakkara we travelled on to Chennai, where we called in for a brief visit to the colleagues at AUMUND Engineering. The Indian AUMUND subsidiary has been supporting local social projects since 2011 and is one of the forerunners of the international Group companies in this respect. As well as meetings with smaller local organisations, a visit to the Voluntary Health Services hospital was planned, an organisation which had been supported in COVID times via AUMUND Engineering. In a

► We were moved by the sadness at the death of Franz-Walter Aumund. On our visit to the school project in Malakkara large posters showed the esteem in which our Founder is held here.





▲ Prasad Rao (right) at the official opening of the Knowledge Centre with Dr Charlie Cherian and Dr Arapurackal Cherian (2nd and 3rd generation of St. Thomas Hospital)

similar way to St. Thomas Hospital in Malakkara, the Voluntary Health Services (VHS) has set itself the objective of enabling high-quality medical treatment for people from underprivileged backgrounds. We were fascinated not only by the multitude of medical departments, but also by how simply they were equipped from our perspective, given that this hospital is one of the most renowned healthcare facilities in the Chennai area.

In talking to the leading medical officer of the hospital we developed a project idea together, with the result that from autumn 2023 we will finance five young women from underprivileged backgrounds to train as nurses for the four-year course. This is a perfect combination of our funding objectives of education and health support.

The final visit on our project trip was to Doon School in Dehradun, a school in the international Round Square network, where we now have five scholarship students. Doon School is one of the oldest and most reputable boarding schools in India. Nevertheless, or perhaps because of this, importance is attached to boys from all social classes sleeping in very simple dormitories, carrying out duties in the kitchen, and

Adviser, trusted friend and longtime companion of Franz-W. Aumund, 80-year-old Prasad Rao is known to numerous AUMUND employees, having been Managing Director of the Indian subsidiary for many years. Even before the establishment of the company in India in the 1990s Rao had business contact with Franz-W. Aumund. As well as his function with

AUMUND India Prasad Rao and his wife Lata remain important contacts for the Aumund Foundation for projects in their home country.

supporting social projects together. Fundraising Representative Arjun, who had been a student at Doon School himself, assured us that when it comes to team sports it doesn't matter what background the children are from.

One of our first scholarship students is fourteenyear-old Rahul, who came to Doon School from an SOS Children's Village. Until our visit no one had told him who had made his study at Doon School possible. So it was a moving moment for us all when his house master revealed to whom he was being introduced. "Training and education of young people is the most valuable investment in the future." This guiding principle of our Founder becomes clear time and time again in our projects.

I had wanted to tell Mr Aumund in person about my impressions of my first trip to India. Unfortunately I was not able to do that. Now it is our turn to carry on the Foundation's work according to his wishes.



Children's ward of The Voluntary Health Services hospital.



▲ Lata, wife of Prasad Rao, with Dr Saleena Cherian.



At the Doon School campus (from left) Susanne Weiss, Prasad Rao and Katja Jüngst.



Rahul (2nd from left) is one of five scholarship students we now support at Doon School.





# VAISHNAVI'S STORY

Vaishnavi is one of many "cleft" children from needy families who have been helped by the doctors at St. Thomas who operate for free.

When Vaishnavi (left) who is now 10 years old, was born with a serious form of harelip and cleft palate, her mother Vineetha (right) thought it was her fault. She had never seen or heard of such a thing. Fear, self-doubt and suicidal thoughts tormented her.

Hope came when doctors assured her that they could operate on her daughter and cure her, however the homemaker and her husband, a day labourer, didn't have the money for an operation. Social workers presented the case of little Vaishnavi to the surgeons at St. Thomas Hospitals, which specialises in cleft palate operations. After thorough medical examinations the team of doctors took the girl into its operation programme. At the age of

six months she underwent her first operation. This operation was free of charge and changed Vaishnavi's life and that of her family remarkably. Only a short while after the operation Vineetha noticed that her daughter was crying less and was now able to take in food. She became stronger and stronger.

Further surgical procedures and orthodontic treatment for Vaishnavi followed over the next years. She now takes part, along with about 40 other children, in the Rehabilitation School Project and has access to speech therapy as well as English and computer studies; the next step to participation in a "normal" life and to a better future.





The before and after comparison of Vaishnavi clearly show how important the operations are to enable children with cleft palates to lead a normal life and to participate in society.

# Funding projects around the world

From the beginnings of the Aumund Foundation in 2019 an international network has grown, through which more than 20 projects in around 15 countries with a total value of approximately EUR 630,000 have been funded in 2022.



Berlin University of Applied Sciences Stipendium zur Stiftungsprofessur Scholarship for endowed chair "Industrial Sensor Technology and Predictive Maintenance 4.0", from 2023

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#### 2. ROMANIA

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Concordia Social Projects "Edu Campus" in Ploiesti: Training support through vocational school and hostel for apprentices

#### 3. MOLDOVA

Concordia Social Projects Concordia Youth Club/Career Center Moldova 2020 to 2021

#### 4. RUSSIA

German-Russian Meeting Centre, Support for orphaned young people starting work, since 2018

#### 5. SENEGAL

Mercy Ships (2020)

- Further education of medical technology specialists
- Operations, general surgery and orthopaedic treatment for children

#### 6. KENYA

Dentists for Africa

- Special donation: emergency aid for COVID-19, 2021
- Access to school education for children in need, since 2020

 Dental care scholarship for orphaned children, since 2020

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 Training of orphaned young people as medical assistants, since 2020 Starehe Boys' Centre and School\* Scholarships for boys from underprivileged backgrounds, since 2020

#### 7. BURKINA FASO

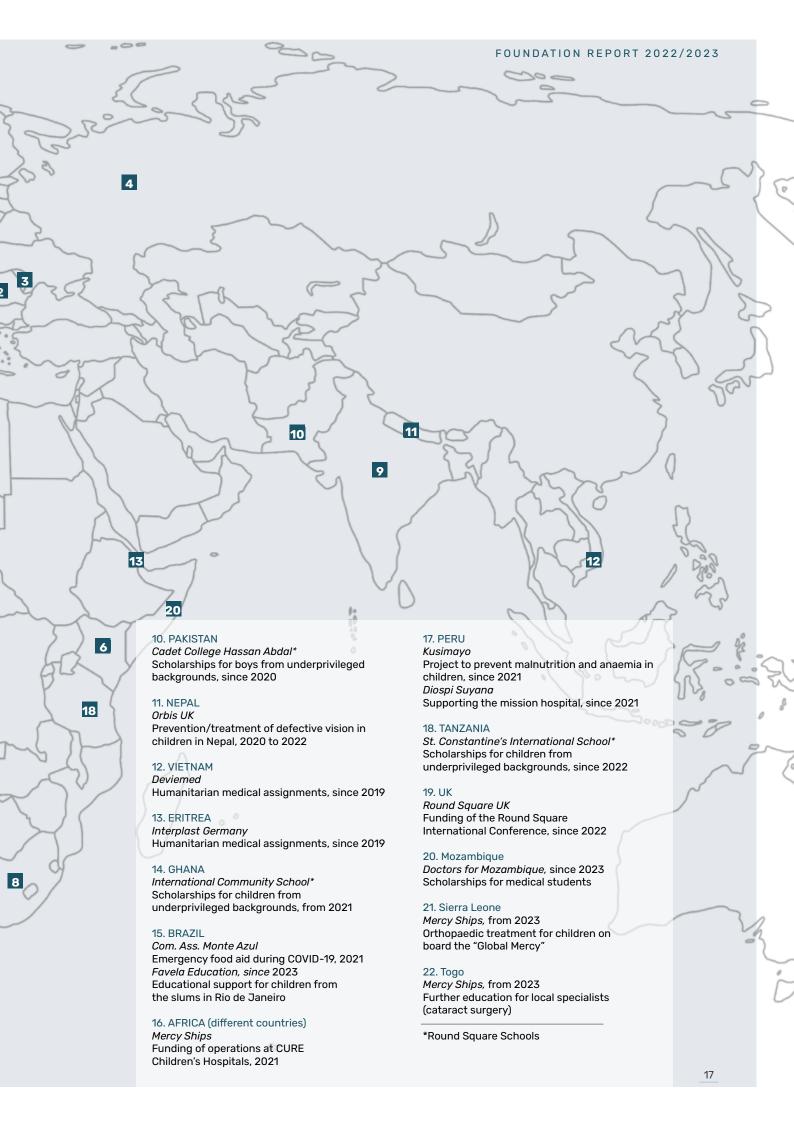
Light for the World Medical equipment for the ophthalmological centre, 2020

#### 8. SOUTH AFRICA

- Roedean School\*, since 2021
- Tiger Kloof Educational Institution\*, since 2020
- Bridge House School\*, since 2020 Scholarships for girls from underprivileged backgrounds

#### 9. INDIA

- Sagar School\*, since 2018
- Doon School\*, since 2021
- Lawrence School\*, since 2021 Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds
- The Voluntary Health Services
   Supporting the children's clinic and training programme for nurses, from 2023



#### **FUNDING PROJECT**

#### **SNIPPETS**

#### **ROUND SQUARE**

## "The Aumund Award" - in memory of Franz-Walter Aumund

The scholarship programme at the schools of the international Round Square network was a project which was close to the heart of Franz-Walter Aumund. The large volume of condolence donations on his passing has enabled an "Aumund Award" to be launched, to allow a student from an underprivileged background to take part in the Round Square International Conference every year.

The event, which did not take place for several years during the pandemic, brings delegations from all international Round Square Schools to spend a week together in the spirit of international communication, tolerance and democracy.

As last year in Oxford, UK, the Aumund Foundation will also attend the conference this year in Nairobi, Kenya. The Foundation Board will use the opportunity to make a controlling trip to the funding projects in Kenya together with Prasad Rao and Susanne Weiss.





Snapshots from the Round Square International Conference, at which delegations from Round Square Schools all over the world met in Oxford for the first time since the hiatus caused by the coronavirus pandemic.







Hezron has recently started training to be a nurse.

#### **HEZRON'S STORY**

#### Scholarship student at Dentists for Africa in Kenya since 2020

"My name is Hezron, I am 15 years old and I am an orphan. (...) After the death of my parents I lived with my blind grandmother, which was hard for me. Because of her situation I often missed school or was sent home for not having paid the fees or for other reasons. I was lacking in almost everything, from school uniform to house clothes and meals. Whenever I didn't go to school we we were were able to go to the market with my grandmother and beg for money, which we could use to buy food. I was the one who held her stick and went begging with her from one place to another. (...) My grandmother got sick and sadly died last year. I am still very sad for this loss. We are now living with our aunt who took pity on us after the death of our grandmother. My aunt would not have been able to pay for my further schooling

because she also has her own children to look after. I was so sure that I would not set foot into a further education school, until the Dentists for Africa organisation stepped in. This organisation makes the dreams of poor orphaned children like us come true. (...)

This had a big impact on my family, because when I have my completed my training and get a job soon afterwards, I will also be able to teach my younger brothers and other orphaned children in our community. (...) You have enabled me to look to the future. Thank you very much."

Since 2020 the Aumund Foundation has been awarding scholarships in Kenya via Dentists for Africa, for schools, for professional medical training, and for dentistry students. With the support of the Aumund Foundation Hezron has recently started his four-year nursing training.

#### **FUNDING DECISIONS 2022**

Science and research (domestic)

Education, training and student support

EUR 511,863

Public health (overseas)

**EUR 65,400** 

**EUR 50,000** 

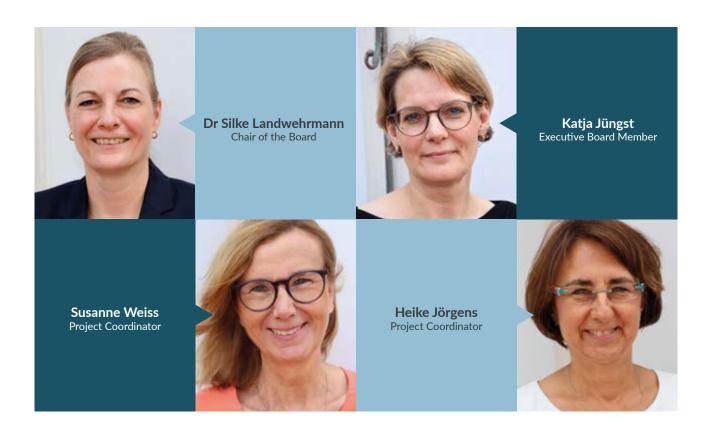
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EUR 627,263

## **AUMUND FOUNDATION**

## Headquarters

The historic townhouse Zum Weißen Raben in Rheinberg is the office of the Aumund Foundation where four employees work to fulfil the ideals of our deceased Founder.









## **NEPAL**

The Aumund Foundation supported the prevention and treatment of defective vision in children in Nepal with the ORBIS organisation from 2020 to 2022. In Autumn 2023 the Aumund Foundation will fund a training programme on board the flying eye hospital in Zambia. The organisation operates its flying eye hospital to treat and prevent eye disorders as well as to train local medical staff.



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